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DEPARTMENT OF STATE


Washington, D.C. 20520

May 29, 1973

TO:  Chief  
Special Research Staff

Attached for your information is Mr. Kissinger's memorandum commenting on the Status Report regarding the work of the USC/FAR, a copy of which I sent to you on March 30, 1973.

The staff in the offices of Mr. Rush, Chairman of the NSC Under Secretaries Committee, is in the process of circulating this memorandum to the Heads or Deputy Heads of USC/FAR Member and Observer Agencies as appropriate.

  
E. Raymond Platig  
USC/FAR Executive Secretary

Attachment:  
As stated.

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RF MEMORANDUM FOR

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SUBJECT: External Foreign Affairs Research


S/S The work that has been accomplished in developing a USC/FAR informa-  
S/S-S tion system, as described in the status report on the work of the USC/FAR  
S/S-S-TC forwarded in the Under Secretaries Committee memorandum of March 14,  
A has been noted with interest. As noted in my memorandum of September  
INR 28, 1972, this is an essential first step to ensure optimum utility of the  
PA research product and effective use of the resources expended in research.  
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Now that a Documentation Center on completed studies funded by govern-  
ment agencies, an interagency inventory of current projects, and nine  
Consultative Groups for the coordination of proposed projects of interest  
to more than one agency have been established, the USC/FAR is in a  
position to accomplish the interagency coordination envisioned by NSDM 98.

The possibilities for greater research opportunities for individual agencies,  
with consequently increased return on the resources expended for external  
research, should now be enhanced. The interagency exchange of informa-  
tion on 95 new projects being contracted for by individual agencies, the  
arrangement of joint funding for three and possibly two additional proposed  
projects involving FY 73 funds, and possible collaboration in the form of  
joint design, monitoring, and utilization of approximately 25 other projects  
represent a good start in this direction.

The President desires that particular emphasis be placed on the timely  
distribution of proposed project information by individual agencies to the  
other member and observer agencies and consideration of such information  
by the appropriate Consultative Groups. The objective must be the improve-  
ment in product utility and maximum effectiveness in the application of  
resources.

  
Henry A. Kissinger

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